

# Bike & Ride

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Getting Around King County  
by Bike and Public Transit



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**METRO**

*We'll Get You There*

## A great way to go!

Combining your bike with public transportation can get you just about anywhere in King County and beyond.

Whether for commuting, errands, fitness or leisure, King County Metro Transit and other local transit agencies can help Get You There with your bike! Bicycles are welcome on buses, trains, vanpools, streetcars and ferries throughout the region.

### Tips for travel by bike and transit:

#### Bike the first or last miles of your trip

- Bike to a transit center or park-and-ride for access to more transit routes. Park your bike there, or bring it along.
- Start your trip on transit and finish the last few miles by bike.

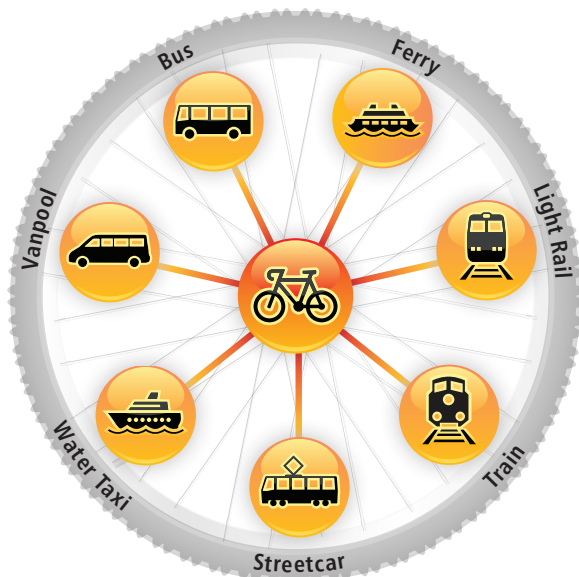
#### Match your cycling comfort

- Use transit where distance or terrain is more challenging or when caught in foul weather or darkness.

#### Build exercise into your routine.

- Take transit to work with your bike on-board, then bike home for exercise or to run errands.

**Use this guide to learn more about how to make bike and transit work for you!**



## Bikes on Buses, Trains, Streetcars, Ferries and Vanpools

Bikes travel at no extra charge on buses, vanpools, light rail, commuter trains, streetcars and the King County Water Taxi. On Washington State Ferries, bikes require a small surcharge, but are free with an ORCA card or Wave2Go pass on most routes.

**Buses** – Metro and Sound Transit buses carry three bikes on front racks. Load or unload your bike at any regular bus stop. In the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel cyclists may use elevators or stairs, not the escalators.

**Trains** – Just roll your bike aboard Sound Transit's Link Light Rail and Sounder Commuter train or the Seattle Streetcar and park it in the designated area.

**Boats** – On Washington State Ferries and King County Water Taxi, follow crew instructions about when to load and unload, and where to tie-up.



**Vanpools** – Racks can be installed at no charge on Metro vanpools upon request.



# Loading & Unloading Your Bike

Metro's bike racks are free and easy to use.

## Loading

1. As the bus approaches, have your bike ready to load. Remove any bicycle accessories, including panniers, that could fall off and prevent safe operation of the bus.
2. Alert the bus driver **before** stepping in front of the bus with your bike. Make sure the driver acknowledges your desire to load.
3. Squeeze the rack handle upwards and pull towards you to release the folded bike rack.
4. Lift your bike onto the tray, fitting the wheels into the slots. Each rack is labeled for front wheel placement. Load your bike in the outside slot first, if empty.
5. Push in the black knob to release the support arm while pulling the arm up and out over the top of the front wheel. The support arm needs to be as close as possible to the bicycle's frame.

Certain types of bikes, including gas-powered bikes and those with solid wheels, are prohibited from using the rack. Please check the King County Metro bike website for more information at [www.kingcounty.gov/metro/bike](http://www.kingcounty.gov/metro/bike).

## Unloading

1. Alert the driver that you will be unloading your bike.
2. Push in the black knob to raise the support arm off the tire. Move the support arm down and out of your way.
3. Lift your bike out of the rack.
4. If there isn't another bike in the rack, return the bike rack to the folded position. Reach underneath the rack to grab the handle. Squeeze and raise.

## Loading in the Middle Slot

1. Stand at the centerline of the bus. **Do NOT stand in the traffic lane next to the bus.**
2. Turn the bike at a 90-degree angle to the rack (parallel with the curb), with the rear wheel closest to the bus.
3. Lift the rear wheel into the rack.

Bikes being loaded into the slot closest to the bus can be loaded from the curb.



Watch the video at [www.kingcounty.gov/metro/bike](http://www.kingcounty.gov/metro/bike)



## Practice Loading Your Bike on a Bus Rack

You can try a rack out before you stand in front of a bus! Demonstration racks are available at a number of locations throughout King County.

### Downtown

**The Bicycle Alliance of Washington**, 314 First Ave. S., Seattle WA 98104. Call for hours (206) 224-9252.

### Eastside

**Bellevue College**, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue, WA 98007. The rack is inside the bus shelter atrium in front of the parking garage. Call (425) 564-2720 for more information.

### North Seattle

**North Seattle Community College**, 9600 College Way N, Seattle, WA 98103. The rack is on College Way, at the flag plaza, not far from the bus stop located on the west side of campus. Call (206) 934-0060 for more information.

**UW's University Transportation Center**, 3745 15th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105, in the U-District. The demo rack is located outside the main lobby entrance next to the bike rack. Call (206) 616-7517 for more information.

### West Seattle

**Alki Bike & Board**, 2606 California Ave SW, Seattle WA 98116. Call for hours (206) 938-3322.

### South King County

**Highline Community College**, 2400 S 240 St, Des Moines, WA 98198. The rack is located next to the bus shelter on the south side of campus. Call (206) 878-3710 ext. 3793 for more information.

## Loading Bikes on Rail Vehicles

The rules for taking bicycles on commuter trains and rail vehicles vary with each type of service.

### Link Light Rail

Four bicycles per car at all times (two hanging + two standing). Hang your bike from one of the two hooks in the designated bicycle/luggage storage area of each car, or stand and hold your bicycle without blocking exits. To locate the proper area for bicycle storage, board the car at the doors marked with a bicycle symbol.



### Sounder Commuter Rail

Four bicycles per car at all times (two tied down + two standing). Tie down your bicycle in the designated bicycle storage area of each car, or stand and hold onto your bicycle. To locate the proper area for bicycle storage, board the car at the doors marked with a bicycle symbol.

### Seattle Streetcar

Up to two bicycles are allowed in the center section of the streetcars.



Link Light Rail



Sounder Commuter Rail



Seattle Streetcar



## Sharing the Road with Buses

Tips to stay safe when riding on the road with buses.

### Always pass a bus on the left

Passengers on the bus may request a stop at the last minute, making bus movements unpredictable. Bus drivers are not expecting you to be on their right and may not see you.



### Stay out of the bus driver's right side pocket

Buses swing wide when turning. Even if it looks like the bus is going straight, it may really be turning right. Never position yourself to the right of a bus at an intersection.



### Avoid "leapfrogging"

If you're not riding fast enough to stay ahead of the bus, stay behind while the driver picks up passengers, and allow the bus to get ahead. Minimize the number of times you pass any moving vehicles.



As always, be alert, courteous, predictable, visible and follow the rules of the road.

## Bike Commuter Support

New to bicycle commuting? Whether you need to build your competence or your confidence, there's help to get started! Find maps, commute classes, a bike buddy, or financial incentives from these organizations.

### Cascade Bicycle Club

The club offers bike commute classes, social rides, and information sharing. Get help to find a commute route, choose gear, or learn basic traffic or bike repair skills. [www.cbcef.org/bike-commuting.html](http://www.cbcef.org/bike-commuting.html)

### Bicycle Alliance of Washington

BAW offers bike maps, classes, and information on Metro's bike locker rentals. [www.bicyclealliance.org](http://www.bicyclealliance.org)

### Downtown Seattle: Commute Seattle

Workshops, bicycle parking maps and other resources are available for commuters traveling to and from downtown Seattle. [www.commuteseattle.org](http://www.commuteseattle.org)

### Redmond: R-TRIP Program

For people who live or work in Redmond, R-TRIP provides bike routes and parking maps, subsidies and incentives for alternatives to driving alone. [www.gortrip.com](http://www.gortrip.com)

### Bellevue: Choose Your Way Bellevue

If you live or work in Bellevue, call or check out this website for bike route, parking information and other support for alternatives to driving alone. [www.ChooseYourWayBellevue.org](http://www.ChooseYourWayBellevue.org)



# Secure Bicycle Parking

## At King County Transit Facilities

Bike lockers and racks are available at most transit centers, park-and-rides and rail stations in King County. Using a reserved bike locker allows you to quickly and easily store your bike and catch your transit ride to work or school.

### Reserved Bike Lockers

King County Metro lockers are rented on an annual basis, and a one-time key deposit and annual rental agreement is required.



## On-Demand Bike Lockers

In 2013 Metro will be testing on-demand electronic bicycle lockers at select transit facilities. These lockers will provide more flexibility than traditional lockers. More details will be made available on Metro's website as the project progresses.



## Locker Locations

Contact Bicycle Alliance for King County Metro (KC) lockers or Sound Transit (ST) for Sound Transit lockers. Check online for up-to-date locker locations.

P&R = Park-and-ride

<b>North</b>	
Aurora Village Transit Center (KC) 1524 N 200 St, Shoreline	Columbia City Link Station (ST) MLK Jr. Way & S. Edmunds St, Seattle
Shoreline P&R (KC) 18821 Aurora Ave N	Othello Link Station (ST) MLK Jr. Way & S Othello St, Seattle
North Seattle P&R (KC) 1st Ave NE & NE 100 St	Rainier Beach Link Station (ST) MLK Jr. Way S & S Henderson
Northgate Transit Center (KC) NE 103 & 1st Ave NE, Seattle	<b>South</b>
Green Lake P&R (KC) I-5 & NE 65 St, Seattle	Valley Center P&R (KC) 20221 Vashon Hwy SW & SW 204th St
<b>Central Seattle</b>	Burien Transit Center (KC) 4th Ave SW & SW 150 St
Montlake Flyer Stop (KC) Montlake Blvd E/North Side of SR-520, Seattle	Tukwila Int'l Blvd Link Station (ST) International Blvd & S 154 St
SODO Link Station (ST) Busway & S Lander St, Seattle	Tukwila P&R (KC) Interurban Ave S & 52 Ave S
Beacon Hill Link Station (ST) 17 Ave S & S McClellan St, Seattle	Tukwila Sounder Station (ST) 7301 S 158 St
Mount Baker Link Station (ST) MLK Jr. Way & S Rainier Ave S, Seattle	St. Matthew Lutheran Church P&R (KC) NE 16 & Edmonds Ave NE, Renton

### Bike locker locations continued

Renton Transit Center (KC) S 2nd St & Burnett Ave S	Redmond Transit Center (KC) 161 Ave NE & NE 83 St
SeaTac Airport Link Station (ST) S 176 & International Blvd	Bear Creek P&R (KC) Redmond 178 Pl NE & NE Union Hill Rd,
Kent Transit Center (KC) W James St & N Lincoln Ave	Overlake Transit Center (ST) NE 40 & 156 Ave NE, Redmond
Kent Sounder Station (ST) Railroad Ave N & E Smith St	South Kirkland P&R (KC) 108 Ave NE & NE 38 St
Federal Way Transit Center (ST) 23 Ave S & S 316 St	Mercer Island P&R (ST) 7800 N Mercer Way
Federal Way P&R (KC) 23 Ave S & S 322 St	South Bellevue P&R (KC) Bellevue Way SE & 112 Ave SE Newport
Auburn Sounder Station (ST) 23 'A' St SW	Newport Hills (KC) 5115 113 Pl SE (Bellevue)
Auburn P&R (KC) 'A' St NE & 15 St NE	Eastgate P&R (KC) SE Eastgate Way & 136 Ave SE, Bellevue
<b>East</b>	South Sammamish P&R (KC) 3015 228 Ave SE, Sammamish
Woodinville P&R (KC) 17800 140 Ave NE	Issaquah Transit Center (ST) SR-900 & Newport Way NW
Kenmore P&R (KC) Bothell Way & 73 Ave NE	Tibbets Lot (KC) 1675 Newport Way NW, Issaquah
Brickyard P&R (KC) I-405 & NE 160 St, Bothell	Issaquah Highlands P&R (ST) Highlands Dr NE & NE High St
Kingsgate P&R (KC) 13001 116 Way NE, Kirkland	
Houghton P&R (KC) 116 Ave NE & NE 70 Pl, Kirkland	





# Cycling Resources

## **Bicycle Alliance of Washington**

Statewide advocacy

[www.bicyclealliance.org](http://www.bicyclealliance.org), (206) 224-9252

## **Cascade Bicycle Club**

Promotes cycling for commuting and recreation in the Puget Sound area

[www.cascade.org](http://www.cascade.org), (206) 522-BIKE

## **Sound Transit**

Connect cycling with ST Express buses, Sounder Commuter Trains, Link light rail. ST bike locker rentals

[www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org), (888) 889-6368

## **Commute Seattle**

Downtown Seattle Commuter Resource

[www.commuteseattle.com](http://www.commuteseattle.com), (206) 613-3131

## **Blue Bikes Program at Marymoor Park**

Borrow a bike for free use on the Sammamish River Trail

[www.kingcounty.gov/bike](http://www.kingcounty.gov/bike), (206) 205-3661

## **Washington State Dept. of Transportation**

State bike laws, maps, links

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike), (800) 843-3779

## **Washington State Ferries**

Save more with the Bicycle Pass Program

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/bicycles](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/bicycles). Dial 511

# Bicycling Guide Maps

## **King County**

[www.kingcounty.gov/bike](http://www.kingcounty.gov/bike)

## **City of Seattle**

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaps.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaps.htm)

(206) 684-7583

**NOTE:** Check with your local city to see if it also publishes a bike map.

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